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Attachment: Appendix A and Appendix B 25X1A2g

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1. The establishment of undercover research institutes devoid of overt connections with Russia or Russian authorities in Germany has been handicapped by the reluctance of German personnel to commit themselves to such "illegal projects" without hope of Soviet support in case of trouble.
2. The Russians have attempted to allay German fears in this respect. One method consists of incorporating these projects in the Soviet enclave at Karlshorst in such a way that it might be affirmed or denied, at any given time, that a specific laboratory belongs to the enclave.
3. Dr. Giovanni Hilgers has been assigned two houses on the edge of the Karlshorst enclave fence. The houses are completely surrounded by fences, but it is so arranged that the fences may be taken down at a moment's notice, leaving the establishment outside the enclave. In the event of an Allied inspection, source believes that the Russians would offer up Hilgers and his colleagues for sacrifice rather than admit they had condoned any violation of the Potsdam Agreement.
4. Source states that there are indications that the Russians intend to make experimental drops of captured Venschel 293 and 294 projectiles during the summer of 1947. The location of these tests is unknown.

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5. Appendix A and Appendix B, attached to this report, are translations of the second draft of the contracts drawn up between Dr. Hilgers and Lt Col Engineer V. G. Andreyev. No dates appear on these documents, made at Karlshorst, and source does not report whether or not these represent the final arrangements between the two parties.
6. The following changes were made from the first draft of the attached Contract A (Appendix A).
 - a) The first draft was headed, "Konstruktionsbüro des Volkskommissariats der Kriegsflotte der Sowjetunion Karlshorst". Written on it was, "Approved, Captain of the Navy, Korshonov".
 - b) The above-mentioned "Konstruktionsbüro" was stated to be the commissioning agent; Lt Col Andreyev was not mentioned.
 - c) Under Section 1, "Zielgerät für Henschel 293 und 294" (aiming device for Henschel 293 and Henschel 294) was originally used instead of "technischen Versuchstand" (technical testing stand).
 - d) Under Section 4, subheads C, D, and E, "Zielübungsgerät" (target practice device) in the first draft instead of the present "stand".
 - e) Between Sections 4 and 5, the first draft contained an obligation to maintain secrecy on the contract and all it entailed.
7. The following changes were made from the first draft of the attached Contract B (Appendix B) giving working conditions for the project.
 - a) In Section 1, the present "Prüfstand" (testing stand) originally read "Zielübungsgerät" (target practice device).
 - b) The original of Section 3 went into greater detail concerning the remote-controlled projectile's angle of flight. It stated that calculations must not vary more than ten percent from the calculated curve of flight of the projectiles.

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- c) In Section 4, the phrase "der Erdschwere und der Konstanz der Körpergeschwindigkeit" (the influence of the earth's gravity and the constancy of the missile's velocity) replaces the original's "des Abwurfs vom Flugzeug zur Erde" (the influence of the drop from the airplane to the earth).
- d) The first draft contained an eighth section stating specifically that the entire installation must consist of three parts: steering device, bomb release, and sight.

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